

# Pokagon State Park

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## And Other Park Events!

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**August 4 -August 17, 2008**

### Potawatomi Inn Activities!

**There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.**

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



*Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*

***All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!***

***Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov).***

### Monday August 4

- 10:30am **Habitats, Holes, and Hideaways** Come meet the Interpreter on the Nature Center Front Deck, from where we'll take off on a 45-minute walk through the nearby forests. We'll search the big and little places where Pokagon's critters call home. DH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** It's our new program for kids and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can work towards a patch or pin. We meet one hour a day to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. DH
- 3:00pm **Woodchuck Watch** Find out about this interesting diggin' rodent during a short talk at the Nature Center Program Area. We'll also take a short walk to check out a chuck den. Prepare for tall-grass walking. DH

### Tuesday August 5

- 10:00am **Wetland Wander** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be back within an hour. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4, for details. AH
- 3:00pm **Tree ID Spree** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on how to identify some common northeast Indiana trees. It's a great program for anyone doing leaf collections this coming fall. DH

### Wednesday August 6

- 10:00am **Fishing Fun!** Join interpreter Aaron Homan at the Inn Beach where he will provide some introduction and instruction for a morning of fishing. Children under 17 do not require a license. Bait, poles and tackle provided on a limited basis, or bring your own. AH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4, for details. DH

3:00pm **Owl Pellet Probing!** Some may think, “Oh gross!” but you’ll be saying “Aww cool!” after discovering bones and other animal parts in the coughed-up pellets from owl dinners. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium. DH

### Thursday August 7

10:00am **Minnow Madness and other Creatures** Join the park interpreter down at the Inn Beach where we’ll search the shallows and seine for minnows for our wetland displays at the Nature Center. Shorts or swimsuits will be the dress for the day! If you’re a critter catcher, this program is for you. AH

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. AH

3:00pm **Mosquito Moments!** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short look at one of nature’s nasties. A nuisance, but necessary, come learn about this tiny beast that we must learn to tolerate or repel. AH

### Friday August 8 It’s Friday Bug Day at the Nature Center!

10:30am **Insect Safari!** Fly, swoop, or crawl over to the Nature Center Program Area for a special safari into our fields and forests. We’ll be investigating the life of grasshoppers, crickets, butterflies, and beetles with the help of some magnifying glasses and nets. Join us! DH

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. DH

3:00pm **Caterpillar Crawl!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for short little program on insect caterpillars and larva. We’ll discuss their unique features and have some to race against each other for prizes! Great for kids! AH

### Saturday August 9

10:30am **To The Inn and Back** Gather at the Nature Center for a 1-½ hour general discovery hike. We’ll do Trail 1, to the Inn, by the lake, and back along the toboggan track. DH

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. AH

3:00pm **The Masked Bandit** You all know him, particularly if you are a long-time camper at Pokagon. Join us on the Nature Center Front Lawn for a short discussion on this furry, sometimes too friendly, resident of Pokagon. AH

8:00pm to 3:00am **21<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Night Star Spectacular!** On this special night, the Pokagon Interpretive Services and the Astronomical Society of Hillsdale County join forces. Activities will begin at 8:00pm and run through 3:00am the next morning if weather and interest prevail. Highlighting the evening will be Jupiter and viewing of the annual Perseid meteor shower. Gather on the CCC Shelter Lawn. All activities are informal and on-going. We’ll be taking turns looking through telescopes. In case of clouds, contact the Nature Center before 5:00pm or the Inn Lobby (833-1077) after 5:00pm to inquire about the program status.

### Sunday August 10

8:00am **Backwoods Before Brunch** Get up and get some fresh air on this short jaunt up the road and back as we watch for deer and other critters moving about in the new day. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Work up a appetite for an Inn brunch buffet. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. DH

9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. AH

### Monday August 11

10:00am **Hell’s Point Bound!** Visit the highest point in the park along with other natural features this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. Parking is available above the Spring Shelter. AH

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. DH

### Tuesday August 12

10:00am **Damsels and Dragons! - a Hike** Discover these unique insects and the wetland world in which they live. Meet at the Inn Main Entrance and join us for about an hour walk down in the nearby wetlands. DH

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. DH

3:00pm **Worm Wonders!** Look into the world of the not so lowly worm during this short show ‘n’ tell session at the Nature Center Program Area. Great program of kids!! Families too! DH



### Wednesday August 13

10:00am **The Incredible Journey!** Have you ever imagined the life of a droplet of water? Join us at the Spring Shelter for a fun activity where YOU get to be the water. Afterwards, create your own unique bracelet to record your incredible journey! (Parking is available above the shelter if you are driving from the Inn) DH

1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. FW

3:00pm **Cattail Twining!** It's a short, crafty program meeting out on the Nature Center Back Deck. Join us for a different look at one of our important wetland plants and take home some cattail twine or a bracelet. FW

### Thursday August 14

10:00am **Minnow Madness and other Creatures** See Thursday, August 7 for details and join us! AH  
1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. AH  
3:00pm **Snakes Survival!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short "show 'n' tell" type session on one of our most interesting, but often misunderstood group of animals. Today is feeding day, too! Watch it! DH

### Friday August 15

10:30am **Monarch Moments!** We'll look at the many moments of a monarch's life history, both inside and outside as we try to find some out in the wild. Join us at the Nature Center. AH  
1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. AH  
3:00pm **Leaf it Be!** A very simple craft involving paper, crayons, and ... leaves! Join us in the Nature Center Program Area for a look at how you can create a little art for hanging, note cards, placemats, etc... AH

### Saturday August 16

**Sand Sculpturing** all weekend long down at our Main Beach. Stop down any time to watch this group of families sculpt their creations as they have done for over 20 years!  
View photo albums of their previous creations, get inspired, and create something yourself!

10:00am **Step back to 1940 – A History Hike** Meet at the Campers' store parking lot from where we'll do about a one-mile walk taking us to the bridge, beach, and back, past many structures built by the CCC from 1935-1942. FW  
1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. FW  
3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. Meet on the Nature Center Front Lawn! AH



### Sunday August 17

7:30am **Early Morning Meander** See Sunday, August 10, Backwoods before Brunch for details. FW  
9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**  
1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour** See Monday, August 4 for details. AH

Nature Center Summer Hours – 10am to 5pm, Daily



